

# **Baraboo Economic Development Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **August 1, 2019**

**I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Chair John Alt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Baraboo Municipal Building, room 205, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Alt, Bowers, Ayar, Palm, Reppen, Ryan, Taylor, Wastlund

Absent: Caflisch, Johnson, White

Other: Ed Geick, Patrick Cannon

**III. Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Reppen (1); Palm (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

**IV. Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for June 6, 2019

Bowers (1); Taylor (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

**V. Public Comment**

No one from the public wished to speak at this time.

Introduction of Mr. Greg Manson as a new BEDC member – It was noted that Mr. Manson was the School Representative. He has left employment with the Schools, therefore he will not be serving on BEDC.

**VI. Old Business**

**a. Updates on Development Activities**

Mr. Geick indicated the following actions have taken place.

- The new shooting range is under construction on South Blvd.
- The City has begun discussion with a new developer for apartments on Lynn St.
- The equalized value for the City has increased by 1% and new construction growth was also 1.5%
- The Al. Ringling Brewing project is still moving forward
- Google has updated their mapping system to include the new construction of HWY 12
- The City has also been discussing the Depot and possible actions on the property.

**b. Updates from Plan Commission and Council**

Mayor Palm gave the following updates

- The City has hired a new CSO, Assistant City Engineer and a Building Inspector
- The City is working on Pet Store regulations
- A street vacation is in the process.
- Community First Bank would like to expand their parking area.
- Lake Street is under construction. Broadway and Washington Ave. will also be completed this summer.

**c. Update from economic development partners and collaborators**

- Mr. Bowers indicated that the conversion of the old Shoe Box store is moving forward.
  - a. He also indicated that the Clarion Hotel has changed ownership
- Mr. Taylor announced several changes at Baraboo State bank. Mr. Cory Davis has left his position as President
- Mr. Reppen indicated that the County has started their budget process for 2020. He also indicated that Servo has recently passed their audit.

**VII. New Business**

**a. Consideration and discussion of changing the date and time for the September 5, 2019 meeting**

It was noted that the September meeting is scheduled during the Labor Day week. In addition staff members may not be available to attend.

After discussing the situation, the Commission took no action and will hold the September meeting at the regular date and time.

**VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule**

As Vice Chair, Mr. Bowers will be coordinating these presentations

**VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments**

Mayor Palm gave a brief update on the Council Goal setting

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:49 pm.

Bowers (1); Wastlund (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

John Alt  
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon  
Recorder